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SUBJECT: 1/31/78 NOON BRIEFING

FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF 1/31/78 NOON BRIEFING.

Q: HAS A DECISION BEEN MADE TO CUT OFF MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO NICARAGUA?

A: I CAN'T COMMENT ON THE FISCAL 79 BUDGET BECAUSE WE'VE
NOT YET SUBMITTED IT TO CONGRESS. THAT GOES UP IN MID-
FEBRUARY. I CAN SAY WITH RESPECT TO NICARAGUA THAT FOR
MORE THAN A YEAR, WE HAVE NOT APPROVED THE SALE OF ANY
MILITARY OR POLICE ITEMS FOR THE USE OF THE NICARAGUAN
NATIONAL GUARD. THAT RAISES A QUESTION OF SOME \$25,000
IN MILITARY GRANTS AND \$400,000 IN MILITARY TRAINING
NICARAGUA IS GETTING IN FISCAL 78. IN FACT, THE FIGURE IS
\$600,000 FOR THE TRAINING OF NICARAGUAN MILITARY OFFICERS
AND A \$25,000 GRANT FOR PACKING, CRATING AND HANDLING OF
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ITEMS CONTRACTED FOR UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES
PROGRAM IN PAST YEARS. THE FISCAL 78 BUDGET ALSO PROVIDES
\$2.5 MILLION FOR MILITARY SALES CREDITS. NO AGREEMENT,
HOWEVER, ON THAT PACKAGE HAS BEEN SIGNED.

FOR FISCAL 77, WE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH NICARAGUA WHICH

ALLOCATES THAT \$2.5 MILLION IN FMS FINANCING, BUT NO SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS UNDER THAT AGREEMENT.

WE ARE EXAMINING EACH REQUEST ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN NICARAGUA.

TO GO BACK, HOWEVER, TO YOUR SPECIFIC OPENING QUESTION, THAT IS A FISCAL 79 BUDGET QUESTION, AND UNTIL WE SUBMIT IT TO CONGRESS, I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

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